

REMARKS

On July 18, 2011, the Applicants submitted a request to amend the specification to cross-reference the related applications, as acknowledged in the filing receipt mailed April 10, 2007, so as to obtain acknowledgement of the Applicants' claim of priority.

On August 11, 2011 the Examiner kindly entered the Applicants' request to amend the specification.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge the Applicants' claim of priority, since it has been established that the present application is a 371 of PCT/JP05/0158 filed on January 27, 2005, which is a CIP of U.S. 10/764,470 filed on January 27, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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